

**Iowa Department of Natural Resources
Natural Resource Commission**

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DECISION

TOPIC Final Rule – Chapter 85, Trotlines

The Department requests Commission approval to amend Chapter 85, Trotlines. The proposed rule amendment requires all trotlines to be removed from shore when not actively fished.

The practice of leaving unattended trotline equipment is a growing problem. This practice not only creates an eyesore along Iowa's rivers, but also creates problems when this equipment inadvertently catches birds, mammals, and fish. This equipment also poses a considerable risk to boaters and other users of the river systems. Requiring the removal of unused lines is in the best interest of the vast majority of river users, as well as the wildlife that inhabit our rivers.

No public comments were received

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November 13, 2008

Attachment: Final Rule - Chapter 85, Trotlines

NATURAL RESOURCE COMMISSION [571]

Adopted and Filed

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code subsection 455A.5(6), the Natural Resource Commission hereby amends Chapter 85, "Trotlines," Iowa Administrative Code.

The adopted amendment requires all trotlines to be removed from shore when they are not being actively fished.

Notice of Intended Action was published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin on July 30, 2008, as ARC 7036B. A public hearing was held August 22, 2008. There are no changes from the Notice of Intended Action.

This amendment is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 481A.38, 481A.39, and 481A.74.

The following amendment is adopted.

Amend rule 571--85.1(481A) as follows:

571—85.1(481A) Trotlines ~~where permitted~~.

85.1(1) Where permitted. It shall be lawful to use trotlines or throw lines in all rivers and streams of the state, except in Mitchell, Howard, Winneshiek, Allamakee, Fayette, Clayton, Delaware, Dubuque, and Jackson Counties. Trotlines or throw lines may be used in the above nine counties in the following stream segments: Maquoketa River, mouth to Backbone State Park dam; North Fork Maquoketa River, mouth to Jones-Dubuque County line; Turkey River,

mouth to the Elkader dam; and Upper Iowa River, mouth to the first dam upstream in Winneshiek County.

85.1(2) Removal of lines. All trotlines and parts thereof shall be removed from the shore when they are not being actively fished. A trotline shall be considered actively fished if at least once daily the trotline is left with at least one baited hook in the water.

Date

Richard A. Leopold, Director